

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) today announced General Mitchell International Airport will receive \$2.5 million from the Department of Transportation for runway safety construction funding. The funding, a direct result of the President's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is part of investments in local communities to quickly put people to work while stimulating the economy.

"The investments we see in our community from the Recovery package are real and substantive," said Congresswoman Moore. "As Recovery Act funding makes it way into our community we must ensure that the funds yield substantive and sustainable results."

The \$2.5 million award to General Mitchell International Airport will go towards meeting a Federal Aviation Administration requirement that all major airports create a safety area at the end of runways that could support an aircraft's weight in the event an airplane has an emergency and cannot come to a complete stop on the paved runway. The project currently underway at General Mitchell International Airport is expected to be completed by 2013 and is expected to have a final price tag of \$58 million.

The Recovery Act provides for over \$1 billion in discretionary funding for airport infrastructure improvement. The funds secured are to be used for the planning and development of a safer and more efficient airport system to satisfy the needs of the aviation interests for the state of Wisconsin. This includes airport improvement grants for development projects that enhance capacity, safety, and security, as well as for aircraft noise compatibility planning and programs.

"Over the next few months we will see continued investments in our community and state. Though we have a long way to go before we are out of our current condition, these investments will bring jobs and create opportunities for the people of Wisconsin," said Rep. Moore.

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